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Application of: K. Yoshizako, et al. Group Art Unit: 1723
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Title: Affinity-Controlling Material with the Use of Stimulus-Responsive Polymer and Separation/Purification Method with the Use of the Material

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Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement action mailed May 14, 2003, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.